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## Jordan

**Post:** Amman

### Success story

**Report Categories:**

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**Report Highlights:**

FAS Amman Instrumental in Clearing a USD 28,000.00 Shipment of U.S. Soybean Oil

**General Information:**

FAS/Amman successful participation at 2015 Gulfood Dubai held on February 23 through the 27, included establishing a business relationship between Florida based Bouras Global Trading Co and Amman based Raed and Mohamed abu-Hijleh Co. At Gulffood the companies reached a deal on a containerized shipment of soybean oil. Upon arrival, the container was held at Aqaba Port as Customs officials questioned the origin of the soybean oil, wanting to apply the MFN duty of 30 percent. Since it was of U.S. origin, the oil should enter duty-free per the agricultural schedule of the Jordan-US Free Trade Agreement.

FAS/Amman and FCS/Amman promptly responding by providing the right documentation, confirming the product's U.S. origin. The documentation met the Customs officials' demands and proceeded to release the consignment duty free. The soybean oil's value was approximately \$28,000, and it's expected that in 2015, the companies will conduct business in the order of \$250- 500 thousand.